

# Did Your Relative Work for the Railroad?

If yes, then you may be able to acquire Railroad Retirement Board Records.

These records contain valuable genealogical information!

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**Step 1:** Go to Ancestry database, use the card catalog under the search tab. Input “railroad retirement pension index.”

The screenshot shows the Ancestry Card Catalog interface. At the top, the title "Card Catalog" is displayed in green, with the subtitle "Searchable listing of all record collections" below it. On the left side, there is a search form with a "Title" field and a "Keyword(s)" field. The "Keyword(s)" field contains the text "railroad retirement pension ind". Below the search fields are a "SEARCH" button and a "Clear All" link. On the right side, the search results are displayed. The first result is "U.S., Railroad Retirement Pension Index, 1934-1987", which is highlighted in blue. The result is listed under the "Collection" "Schools, Directories & Church Histories" and has "1,514,828" records. A red arrow points from the search input field to the search results, and another red arrow points from the text "Open This File" to the search result title. The page number "1" is visible in the bottom right corner.

Title	Collection	Records	Activity
U.S., Railroad Retirement Pension Index, 1934-1987	Schools, Directories & Church Histories	1,514,828	

Step 2: Search the file by retiree name.

## U.S., Railroad Retirement Pension Index, 1934-1987

SEARCH

Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)

Last Name

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Find your Minnesota railroad in this rich collection of person

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**Step 3:** If you find a record, then use the particulars including the full name and Claim ID number in your letter to the NARA in Atlanta.

# All U.S., Railroad Retirement Pension Index, 1934-1987 results for Frank Skarbinski



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<a href="#">View Record</a>	Name	Birth Date	Death Date	Claim ID
<a href="#">View Record</a>	F Skarbinski	Feb 1895	1957	714038928

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# F Skarbinski

in the U.S., Railroad Retirement Pension Index, 1934-1987



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Name: F Skarbinski  
[Frank Skarbinski]

Birth Date: Feb 1895

Death Date: 1957

Claim ID: 714038928

Industry: Railroad

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**Step 4:** Send correspondence, preferably by email, and await instructions.



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# Railroad Retirement Board Records

## Overview

The National Archives at Atlanta has received approximately 54,000 cubic feet of Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) Inactive Claims Folders from the National Archives Great Lakes Region.

The information found within these records will be of interest to genealogists and historical researchers. The U.S. Railroad Retirement Board administers a Federal retirement benefit program covering the nation's railroad workers. The Inactive Claim Folders deal primarily with the administration and payment of these benefits. We will provide information on deceased persons for the purpose of genealogical or historical research. However, we will not release information on a person who is still living without the written consent of that person.

The Railroad Retirement Board continues to retain ownership of claim files deemed to be active. Records transferred to NARA have been inactive for at least seven years. If you are looking for information in your own claim file, or are researching someone whose file may have been recently active (claims filed, payments made, etc), you should begin by contacting the Railroad Retirement Board (<https://www.rrb.gov/index.php/Resources/Genealogy> or (877) 772-5772).

**The RRB Inactive Claims Folders are limited to individuals who worked in the rail industry after 1936. Please do not contact us with requests for records before that date.** We do not have that information, nor do we generally have any pertinent records for an individual whose rail service was performed on a casual basis and/or was of short duration. Also, the claim folders are only on persons whose employers were covered under the Railroad Retirement Act. Employers such as streetcar, interurban, or suburban electric railways are not covered under this Act.

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Based on information provided by the researcher, staff from the National Archives and Records Administration will attempt to confirm if a claim folder exists. If a claim folder does exist, NARA will provide a cost estimate for copying based on the National Archives fee of \$0.80 per page (full schedule is available at: <http://www.archives.gov/research/order/fees.html>).

## What We Need:

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Please provide as much of the following information about the claimant or pensioner as possible:

- First Name, Middle Name/Initial, Last Name
- Railroad Retirement Board Claim Number
- Social Security Number
- Year of Birth
- Year of Death

## Where to Send Requests:

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National Archives at Atlanta  
5780 Jonesboro Road  
Morrow, Georgia 30260  
Email: [atlanta.archives@nara.gov](mailto:atlanta.archives@nara.gov)



I used my grandfather as an example and the result was excellent!

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